

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims below will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously presented) An antimicrobial composition comprising:

- (a) between 1 and 5 % (v/v) octoxyglycerin,
- (b) a quaternary ammonium compound,
- (c) an antimicrobial agent selected from the group consisting of a biguanide compound, triclosan, phenoxyethanol, an iodine compound and parachlorometaxilenol,
- (d) between 0.2 and 7 % (v/v) of a zinc compound selected from the group consisting of zinc gluconate, zinc oxide, zinc acetate, zinc stearate and zinc salicylate, and

wherein the antimicrobial composition is effective in inhibiting gram (+) and gram (-) bacteria.

2. (Previously presented) An antimicrobial composition comprising:

- (a) between 1 and 5 percent (volume/volume) octoxyglycerin,
- (b) between 0.05 and 0.2 percent (v/v) of benzalkonium chloride,
- (c) between 0.5 and 4 percent (v/v) of chlorhexidine digluconate,
- (d) between 0.2 and 7 percent (v/v) of a zinc compound selected from the group consisting of zinc gluconate, zinc oxide, zinc stearate and zinc salicylate, and

wherein the antimicrobial composition is effective in inhibiting gram (+) and gram (-) bacteria.

3. (New) The antimicrobial composition of claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises an emulsifier selected from the group consisting of a cationic emulsifier and a non-ionic self emulsifying wax.

4. (New) The antimicrobial composition of claim 2, wherein the composition further comprises an emulsifier selected from the group consisting of a cationic emulsifier and a non-ionic self emulsifying wax.